

Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Michigan Homes for Veterans

Board of Managers Minutes

November 18, 2015

The 1417th meeting of the Board of Managers of the Michigan Home for Veterans was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans by Manager Johnson, Chair.

PRESENT: MANAGERS:

Robert L. Johnson, Chair	(The American Legion)
James Ausdemore	(Independent)
Marita Okerstrom	(Independent)
Lino B. Pretto	(Purple Heart)
Paul Mead	(Independent)
Ronald Schrieber	(DAV)

ABSENT: None

GUESTS :Theresa Robinson, Kim Olinger, David Zimmerman, Sonya VanValkenburg, Catherine Kooyers, Catherine Buckley, Sue Forbes and Don Stone.

Also present at the meeting: Jim Dunn, Deputy Director, MVAA, Leslie Shanlian, CEO, MI Veteran Health System, Brad Slagle, COO D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, Phil Yeiter, Compliance & Process Improvement Analyst, Joe Froehlich, Asst. Attorney General, Chaplain Bob Dennis and Clerk, Patricia Howard.

This meeting has been posted pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Act of 1976 – The Open Meeting Act – on the bulletin Board in the corridor adjacent to the volunteer office, main building, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. A notice of this meeting was also posted in the hallway adjacent to the Administrator's office of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Dennis.

OPENING CEREMONY: Pledge of Allegiance.

The new CEO, Leslie Shanlian introduced herself to the Board and guests. Leslie gave a brief summary of her family and job experience. Leslie also stated that she has an open door policy if anyone has anything to discuss or they can call her.

Motion made by Manager Schrieber to change the agenda to add the Resolution from the Kent City Veterans Honor Guard, supported by Manager Ausdemore. All present approved, motion carried.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Stone, a Vietnam Veteran stated that he saw the news story about the Home on TV-13 and was very disturbed and hope that things will change for the better.

Catherine Kooyers welcomed Leslie Shanlian on board and stated that it looks like we are all trying to work together to make positive change and continue on in that spirit and do what's best for the veterans.

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Manager Ausdemore, supported by Manager Okerstrom to approve the minutes of the meeting held by the Board of Managers on October 14, 2015. All present approved, motion carried.

III. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION – KENT CITY VETERANS HONOR GUARD

Motion was made by Manager Pretto that the Board adopt the resolution from the Kent City Veterans Honor Guard as presented, supported by Manager Ausdemore. All present approved, motion carried.

IV. ASSESSMENT, REASSESSMENTS, ADMISSIONS AND POPULATION REPORT GRAND RAPIDS

Motion was made by Manager Schrieber, supported by Manager Ausdemore, to accept the Assessment, Reassessments, Admission and Population Reports as presented. All present approved, motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT – GRAND RAPIDS

Motion was made by Manager Mead, supported by Manager Ausdemore to accept the Financial Report of Board Funds (In House Funds, Cash Donations) and State

Funds (Budget Report-Revenue and Expenditures) as presented. All present approved, motion carried.

VI. DIVISION REPORTS

Motion was made by Manager Okerstrom, supported by Manager Schrieber to approve the Division Reports as submitted. All present approved, motion carried.

VII. ASSESSMENT, REASSESSMENTS, ADMISSIONS, POPULATION REPORTS/FINANCIAL ISSUES – ADMINISTRATOR/DIVISION REPORTS – MARQUETTE

Motion was made by Manager Okerstrom, supported by Manager Mead to accept the Assessment, Reassessments, Admissions, Population Reports/Financial Issues – Administrator/Division Reports as presented. All present approved, motion carried.

Administrator Slagle reported the occupancy at 100% full with an average of 95% all year. Preliminary calculation for FY2015 is \$1,600 lapse for the general fund. Stated that their goal of FY 2016 is to be 95% full nursing.

Administrator Slagle reported:

- They have gone live with finance and physicians orders portion of EMR and continue to receive training for other portions of the EMR.
- Hosted a tour/inspection by DTMB to look at the Home's mechanical infrastructure.
- Next week folks from the State Budget Office – Capital Outlay division will be visiting the Home.
- Our Protestant minister, Rev. Ardy Johnson is retiring after 37 years of service. Pastor Mike Carriere will be replacing him.
- Ken Arseneau attended a Michigan Association of Activity Professionals conference in Grand Rapids and during this trip he was able to tour the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
- Scandent has been contacted to come and get member items tagged with loss prevention tags.
- Submitted additional documents to Civil Rights.

VIII. MVAA UPDATE

Motion was made by Manager Ausdemore, supported by Manager Pretto to accept the MVAA Update report as will be given. All present approved, motion carried.

Jim Dunn reported:

- Welcomed the resolution from Kent City Honor Guards regarding capital outlay issues.
- Capital Funding is actively being discussed.
- Kitchen hood project should be done by the end of the month.
- Continue daily talks with J2S regarding issues.
- J2S Contract expires 9/30/2016 and they are working on making a lot of changes.
- Four groups of people have looked at both Homes to see how they would qualify for Medicare/Medicaid for the future.

Manager Johnson stated that the Board would like to be included in the selection of the next contract for caregivers.

IX. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S UPDATE

Motion was made by Manager Okerstrom, supported by Manager Mead to accept the Attorney General's Update as will be reported. All present approved, motion carried.

Joe Froehlich, Assistant Attorney General gave a brief summary of some of the things his department does. They are a law firm for the State of Michigan and represent departments/agencies within the State of Michigan. At the present he is representing the Homes with the Federal Government, Office of Civil Rights regarding the Olmsted Act, Title II and Rehabilitation Act.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Policy Review:

Motion was made by Manager Okerstrom, supported by Manager Ausdemore to table Policy # BP-006 Proration until next month. All present approved, motion carried.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Policy Review:

Motion was made by Manager Schrieber, supported by Manager Ausdemore to table Policy # BP-002 until next month. All present approved, motion carried.

Motion was made by Manager Pretto, supported by Manager Ausdemore to table all policy review until the new CEO has had time to review and present her opinion to the Board. All present approved, motion carried.

Board Retreat:

Motion was made by Manager Mead, supported by Manager Okerstrom that the Board set a weekend retreat to examine current reporting practices, redefine reports to streamline to make them more effective based on the needs of the day and take care of and discuss other administrative activities of the Board and either decide that we like this certain activity, keep doing it or it needs to change or it needs to stop. All present approved, motion carried. Date and location to be set at a later date.

Location of Board Xmas Dinner: The Annual Xmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at Mangiamo and the invite should include Grand Rapids Executive Staff and should state that everyone pays for their own meal. Social hour 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Catherine Kooyers asked the following questions regarding the J2SContract:

1. Is there any way we can have two providers instead of just one?
2. How do we open the bid process for the contract?
3. Is there a deadline to have EMR up and running?
4. Is there a schedule for group counseling and will that be starting in the near future?

Manager Johnson asked Ms. Kooyers that in the future if she or anyone else have questions for the Board that they submit them to the Board ahead of time so that the Board will have time to review them. The above questions will be answered at December's Board Meeting.

Assistant Attorney General, Joe Froehlich answered question #1 – This is dictated by the terms of the contract. The contract is publically available. The selection process for selecting the vendor is governed by Civil Service Rules & Regulations.

Kim Olinger asked the following questions:

1. Is there a monthly staffing J2S report that show day by day what the numbers are by staff at the beginning of the shift and at the end of the shift that is public record?
2. How involved will the Board be in hiring the new COO?
3. Who determines the Home policies that govern the members here at the Home and are those the same policies for both Homes currently or will they be in the future?

Manager Johnson stated that question #3 has been addressed earlier with the CEO reviewing all policies.

XIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Leslie Shanlian stated that she has tentatively scheduled Wednesday for interviews for the COO position and she invited anyone of the Board members available on that date to sit in.

XIV. CLOSING PRAYER

Closing prayer was given by Manager Johnson.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

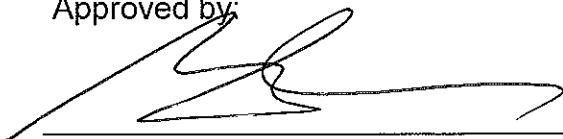
Board of Managers Meeting Dates for 2015

1. **Wednesday, December 16, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.**

THESE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN POSTED PURSUANT TO ACT 267 OF THE PUBLIC ACT AS OF 1976 – THE OPEN MEETING ACT.

Patricia Howard, Assistant Clerk of the Board

Approved by:



Marita Okerstrom, Secretary Board of Managers

12/16/15

Date